

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 2377 - HB 2123**

March 16, 2014

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Creates the *Kenneth and Madge Tullis, MD, Suicide Prevention Training Act of 2014*. Requires the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, in collaboration with the Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network (TSPN), to develop a model list of training programs in suicide assessment, treatment, and management. Authorizes the Board for Professional Counselors, Board of Social Work Licensure, Board of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors, Board of Examiners in Psychology, Board of Nursing, Board of Occupational Therapy, to create training programs that involve suicide assessment, treatment, management, or a combination of any such elements. The Department is required to consult with boards, public and private institutions of higher education, experts in suicide assessment, treatment, and management, and affected professional associations. The Department is required to report the model list of training programs to the Department of Health no later than December 15, 2015. Requires certain licensees to, once every six years, complete a training program in suicide assessment, treatment, and management as approved by the aforementioned Boards. Such licensees must complete a training program no later than July 31, 2016. The hours spent completing this training program shall count toward meeting any applicable continuing education requirements for such applicable profession. This act shall take effect upon becoming law.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (DMHSAS), this act closely resembles a 2013 public chapter from Kentucky.
- According to DMHSAS, there will be no cost in developing these programs, as they expect to be able to utilize Kentucky's established regimen.
- According to DMHSAS, it can accomplish the requirements of this act within its existing resources.
- The applicable licensees include social workers, marriage and family therapists, professional counselors, or pastoral counselors, alcohol and drug abuse counselors, psychologists, nurses, occupational therapists, and any other professionals working in the field of mental health and substance abuse services.
- These licensees will pay a fee to cover the cost of administering the program. Any revenue gained in excess of expenditures will be not significant.

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**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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